

caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's. Dorothy also volunteers with the Lupus Foundation, the Street People of Oakland Park, Cancer Foundation and Leeza's Place, and serves with great compassion, dedication, and humility.

Mayor Samuel S. Brown of Lauderdale Lakes was elected mayor in 1998, and under his leadership, the City made numerous positive strides in redevelopment and capital improvement, while continuing to provide quality services to its residents. A unifying force in the community, Mayor Brown is involved in many charitable and philanthropic efforts and has been responsible for overseeing several community service projects. He also organizes an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for seniors and has made it possible for hundreds of needy children to receive gifts during the holidays through the Angel Tree Gift Giving Program.

Joan Fink of Hillsboro Beach has devoted time to the Northeast Focal Point Senior Center for over 12 years and is currently Treasurer of the Children's, Alzheimer's, Seniors and Adult Services (CASA) Board of Directors, Auxiliary, and Child Development Center. She is active in many fundraising events, including the annual Auxiliary Fashion Show and the "Cuisine of the Region." Joan has also volunteered at the North Broward Medical Center and has been a member and recording secretary of the American Association of University Women—Pompano Beach Chapter for the past 13 years, where she has helped raise funds to promote educational scholarships for women.

Hazel Haas of Margate has used her formal theater education and vast experience with the performing arts to improve the lives of Broward County residents since 1989, adding humor to her volunteering efforts with several organizations, including the Northwest Medical Center and the Margate Chapter of the Parkinson's Support Group, and she shares her warmth, humor and knowledge of the community by presenting sessions for Continuing Education Credit at the Aging & Disability Resource Center's Annual Broward Aging Network Conference. Hazel's mother, Nettie Gross, was honored as a member of the Senior Hall of Fame in 1993, and for the past five years, Hazel has facilitated the link between generations by funding the Nettie Baron Gross Memorial Scholarship for Broward College students studying issues impacting seniors' lives.

Judy Henry of Tamarac has been volunteering for many years for a number of organizations, serving as President of American Woman's ORT, President of the Coral Springs Soccer Association, and as a Board Member as one of the Founding Families of Temple Beth Orr of Coral Springs. Judy has dedicated her time to the Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale and the United Way of Broward County, and through her role as a Board Member of Cooperative Feeding, she has assisted in providing food, counseling and other basic needs for the homeless. She has also initiated mail boxes for the homeless, and as President of Volunteer Broward, has been working on an agricultural project, teaching neighborhoods how to garden and grow food for themselves.

Mayor Judy Paul of Davie has worked tirelessly for Broward County, as she is active on the boards of the 4-H Foundation, Broward County Farm Bureau, Junior Achievement,

Davie Area Land Trust, Broward Extension Foundation, Davie Boys and Girls Club, and South Florida Trail Riders. Mayor Paul served on the Davie Town Council from 1998 to 2007, as well as the Davie Charter Review Board from 1996 to 2007, and is President of the Friends of Davie Farm Park, Inc., and an honorary member of the Board of Directors for Old Davie School. A retired teacher, Mayor Paul is outspoken about caring for the environment, promoting enhancing green space and working on projects to provide the general public opportunities to learn more about agriculture.

Mayor Sylvia Poitier is a lifelong resident of Deerfield Beach and served on the City Commission from 1973 to 1985 and from 2005 until today, serving as Mayor in 1976 to 77 and acting Mayor since December 2008, as well as the County Commission from 1986 to 1998, and has committed herself to providing affordable housing to residents and senior program funding during her time in office. Mayor Poitier has also volunteered for many social service boards and committees, has served as an advocate for senior, Alzheimer's, and children services, as well as intergenerational programs. She is currently Chair for the Community Action Agency, a Member of the Salvation Army Board, and was the First African American President of the Broward County Council of Parent-Teacher associations.

Marcia Slow Sandler of Pembroke Pines has been working tirelessly for over 15 years in many capacities, including President and Member of the Children's Cancer Caring Broward Chapter and Founder of the Angels in the Outfield Chapter of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. She has also been a contributor to social service fundraising activities and served four years on the Aging & Disability Resource Center's Advisory Council, where she secured Fair Share Appropriations from local municipalities.

Senator Nan H. Rich is a lifelong resident of Weston and serves District 34 in the Florida Senate. Prior to entering politics, Nan devoted many years to volunteering with children and the handicapped, and in Tallahassee, her commitment to elders has been evidenced repeatedly through her voice and her actions, continuing to seek and secure critical funding for necessary services. Senator Rich is active on various boards in the religious sector and is highly respected as the true voice of reason in an atmosphere that too often disregards the oppressed and the victimized.

Greta Silver of Coconut Creek has an enthusiasm and energy that make her an invaluable volunteer at the Alzheimer's Family Center, where she helps clients to cope with their fears and frustrations. As a talented journalist, Greta also writes a quarterly newsletter called "The Volunteer Vine," and in December 2008 she coordinated a Holiday Volunteer Day for the Center, planning lunch, entertainment, favors, centerpieces, and guest speakers. Greta is also a trained volunteer for the Project Life-saver Safety Program and is extremely active within her homeowner's association.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again congratulate these ten outstanding Broward County citizens who are being honored at the Annual Senior Hall of Fame, and thank them for their years of service to their fellow Floridians.

GABRIEL BARRIOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabriel Barrios who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Gabriel Barrios is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabriel Barrios is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Gabriel Barrios for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND FAIRNESS ACT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Highway Trust Fund Fairness Act of 2009. I urge all of my colleagues to support this common-sense legislation.

This year, Congress is tasked with the much larger mission of reauthorizing the country's surface transportation programs to meet the needs of a constantly-evolving highway and transit system. Later this year, we will have to really look at ways to make the Highway Trust Fund more solvent, but in the meantime, we can make smaller changes that would help ease the burden.

The Highway Trust Fund Fairness Act does just that. It allows the Highway Trust Fund to be treated like other federal trust funds by allowing refunds and credits through the General Fund. The bill will also allow the Highway Trust Fund to accrue interest on its balance. These are very basic, common-sense changes that will save money in the long-run.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy created National Transportation Week. He recognized that transportation was fast becoming one of the most sensitive and important issues facing our nation. It affects every person, every day. How do you get to and from school and work safely and efficiently every day? How do you visit family, friends, and loved ones?

When I was first elected to Congress, I served on what was then the Public Works and Transportation Committee. It is now the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chaired by my good friend and colleague Mr. OBERSTAR. I went on to eventually serve on the Ways and Means Committee where I chair the Oversight Subcommittee. Although we

don't work directly on transportation issues in this Committee, we do have the opportunity to deal with how our nation's infrastructure is funded.

The Highway Trust Fund was established in 1956 to provide a dedicated source of federal support for highways and transit programs across the country. Unfortunately, the Highway Trust Fund's balance continues to diminish every year. First and foremost, the Highway Trust Fund is financed primarily through fuel taxes. Combined with high gas prices last year and greener living, people are driving less. This means there is less money going into the Trust Fund. Second, the projects funded out of the Trust Fund are more costly. Consequently fewer initiatives can be funded from the Trust Fund.

As you can see, Madam Speaker, since National Transportation Week was first created, our Nation's transportation and infrastructure has become much more complex—as has our economy. Jobs are created where there is good connectivity—roads, trains, bridges, public transit, walkable, bikable streets and communities. Before we tackle these larger issues, we can start with the basics. I urge all of my colleagues to support this very simple legislation.

NATE BURIANAK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nate Burianak who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nate Burianak is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nate Burianak is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nate Burianak for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING CATERPILLAR,
INC.

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting this statement to express congratulations to Caterpillar, Inc. for their receiving EPA's Clean Air Excellence Award.

Caterpillar was honored for developing its D7E, a revolutionary new bulldozer that consumes up to 30 percent less fuel and performs necessary construction operations 25 percent more efficiently. These impressive increases in

efficiency will allow construction workers, miners and other earthmoving workers to do their jobs while emitting significantly fewer carbon dioxide emissions.

After more than two years of research, the D7E represents exactly the kinds of new technology we need to move our country and our economy into the 21st Century. Its electric drive is a platform from which Caterpillar can begin exploring the possible use of alternative fuels to power American construction.

Production of these innovative tractors is set to begin later this year in my home state of Illinois. As a former small businessman myself, and one who worked to keep manufacturing jobs in the Midwest, I would like to further congratulate Caterpillar for its commitment to reinvest in the communities that have supported them for nearly 100 years.

It is my honor to represent the employees of Caterpillar's Aurora, Montgomery and Dixon manufacturing facilities, and I thank them for all their hard work.

ROSALINDA BUSTILLOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rosalinda Bustillos who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rosalinda Bustillos is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rosalinda Bustillos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rosalinda Bustillos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. CHRISTA
ALTMAN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Christa Altman for her service to the students at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Academy in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. She was recognized with the Catholic Education Foundation's Teacher Award.

Ms. Altman is devoted to making sure the students that pass through her classroom receive the best education possible. Her first-grade class consistently performs near the top on the school's annual test that measures student achievement.

Ms. Altman's positive influence on her students is also evident outside of the classroom.

She regularly volunteers for school activities and important causes, such as raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. By showing this spirit of volunteerism, Ms. Altman is inspiring future generations to make a difference in their communities.

Ms. Altman's passion for making a difference in the lives of her students is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Ms. Altman for her commitment to the students in Shepherdsville.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF COLONEL JAMES GEURTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Colonel James Geurts, United States Air Force, on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-two years of dedicated service to this Nation.

A distinguished graduate of the Lehigh University and the Air Force's Institute of Technology, Colonel Geurts was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force in 1987. He has served as a career acquisition program manager with engineering and program management experience in numerous weapon systems including Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, surveillance platforms, tactical fighter aircraft, stealth cruise missiles, and special operations manned and unmanned aircraft.

As the Program Executive Officer for Fixed Wing at United States Special Operations Command, Colonel Geurts spearheaded the largest recapitalization and growth of Special Operations Forces Air Component fleet in its 22 year history. More than anyone else, Colonel Geurts helped shape the future of Special Operations aviation.

Colonel Geurts was instrumental in planning and executing numerous urgent deployment acquisition programs in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi freedom. He fielded multiple aircraft, which led the Secretary of Defense to proclaim his efforts as "the single greatest expansion of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance capability flowing to the United States troops."

Colonel Geurts' distinguished career is marked by numerous awards and decorations that include the 2008 Packard Award, the Global War on Terrorism Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration Transition Team of the Year, and the William Perry Award. In addition, he has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), and the Air Force Achievement Medal (1 oak leaf cluster).

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I express our appreciation of Colonel Geurts for his tireless service and support of the warfighter. His professionalism, expertise, and efforts showcase his patriotism, and his dedication to the Special Operators in the field: Colonel James Geurts is truly a great American.

I congratulate Colonel Geurts on completing an exceptional military career and am humbled by his dedicated service to our Nation. I